

Fair Tonight and Tuesday; Warmer.

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CONFABS ON MEXICO BEGIN IMMEDIATELY AT THE WHITE HOUSE

President Takes Up Situation With de la Barra and Secretary Dickinson.

TAFT SILENT AS TO POLICY IN MATTER

Executive Merely Asserts That Reports From Border Are Exaggerated.

Almost as soon as the President reached the White House today, following his arrival from Augusta, he went into conference with Secretary of War Dickinson on the Mexican situation.

This afternoon he is conferring with Senor de la Barra, Mexican ambassador, on the same subject.

This information was given out at the White House. At noon the President received the newspaper men and at that time it became known that Secretary Dickinson already had called and outlined the whole army movement to the Commander-in-Chief.

No Hint As to Policy.

No intimation, however, was given by the President today as to the future policy in regard to the Mexican troubles. If it is the ultimate purpose of the American army to cross the border and protect American interests there, assuming that President Diaz does not protect them, there was no suggestion of it during the interview today.

It was stated, however, that the reports which had come from El Paso and other points along the border that the American army is now in a position to rush over, and is sleeping on its arms with that idea in view, were exaggerated.

Secretary Dickinson told the President today that the army simply is engaged in maneuvers and in patrolling the frontier, and that it is not ready to begin operations on the Mexican side of the line. The Secretary said, however, that the army corps now in Texas is well equipped and soon would be prepared for any action that might be expected of it.

The reports which the Secretary took the pains to deny to the President today, were to the effect that General Carr had practically given the army marching orders, and that something important might be expected at any time.

Ambassador There Early.

The Mexican ambassador asked for an appointment soon after the President reached the White House. The President, however, was busy with his Cabinet officers, and arranged for the conference this afternoon. The President gave out no suggestion as to the matters which would be taken up between him and the Mexican ambassador, but it is presumed the situation in Mexico was fully discussed.

After Secretary Dickinson had talked with the President early in the morning, the Secretary went to the War Department, and shortly after 12 o'clock came back to the White House for a second conference.

Two other Cabinet officials were at the White House today. Secretary Fisher, of the Department of Interior, was there, and held a long conference with his chief on the questions now before his department. He was at the Executive offices for two hours.

Secretary Nagel was an early morning caller. He said his visit had nothing to do, even remotely, with the Mexicans. He said his immigration inspectors were along the border, but that they were in a state of peace.

Gen. Leonard Wood, chief of staff of the army, called at the Executive offices, and talked with the President a few minutes. He commented what Secretary Dickinson had said with regard to the movement of troops in Texas.

More Conferences Planned.

President Taft will be busily occupied for some days to come in conferences on the Mexican situation.

Leading Republican members of the Senate and House, who are now in Washington, will be freely consulted. The President is known to have in his first message to Congress any detailed statement as to the Mexican situation. He may refer to it briefly. Later on, in case Congress passes a resolution asking him for information, or in case it seems advisable in connection with a request for a deficiency appropriation, the President will send in a special message in which he will go into details on the Mexican matter.

Expects Early Settlement.

Strong intimations are given in high Administration quarters that the President looks for an early adjustment of the Mexican trouble. Good reason exists for the belief that he is pinning

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WEATHER REPORT.

FORECAST FOR THE DISTRICT.
Fair tonight and Tuesday; warmer tomorrow—High tide, 12:37 a. m. and 7:28 p. m.; low tide, 6:18 a. m. and 7:28 p. m.

SUN TABLE.

Sun rises..... 6:08 | Sun sets..... 6:12

Ambassador Hill Home and Will Not Resign

NEW YORK, March 20.—David Jayne Hill, United States Ambassador to Germany, arrived here today on the steamer George Washington. He said the chief reason for his visit to the United States at this time was to deliver the eight Carpenter lectures on jurisprudence at Columbia University. He will also go to Washington, where he will tell the State Department what he has done in connection with the potash dispute. He positively denied the rumor that he intends resigning as ambassador to Germany.

Ambassador Hill positively refused to discuss the controversy between Prof. Smith, of Baltimore, and Prof. Hugo Munsterberg, which resulted in Mrs. Smith not being presented to the Kaiser.

REACHING FOR FLAG, FALLS TO HIS DEATH

Daughter Sees George W. Herold, Merchant, Tailor, Killed.

Leaning out of a third-story window at his home, 123 Ninth street northwest, to take down a small flag pole, shortly after 7 o'clock this morning, George W. Herold, a merchant tailor, lost his balance and fell to the brick pavement, thirty feet below. He was carried into the house, where he died half an hour later.

Seeing her father leaning from the window and fearing he would fall, Miss Ella Herold, who was returning from the store at the corner, called to him to be careful. The next instant he plunged headfirst from the window, grasping the flag pole in his hands.

Chest Crushed.

Dropping the packages from her arms Miss Herold reached her father just as he struck the pavement. His chest was crushed on the edge of a stone step leading to the basement entrance, and he was also injured about the head.

Dr. Frederick Yates, who lives across the street, was hastily summoned, and a hurry call was sent for the Emergency Hospital ambulance. When the ambulance arrived the surgeons realized that Mr. Herold's condition was hopeless, and the family requested that he be left at the house. Dr. Neil D. Graham, the family physician, arrived just before the injured man died.

Was Removing Flag.

Mr. Herold's son, Parkie, who was associated with him in the business at 22 Ninth street, was operated upon for appendicitis about two weeks ago. This morning he went to his son's room and asked him if the wind blowing the flag pole had annoyed him during the night. The son told him it had not, but Mr. Herold said he was going to take it down anyway.

After the father said that when she noticed her father he was leaning from the window with one knee on the sill, and was pulling on the flag pole as if it had stuck in the socket. Suddenly the pole was released, and at the same time Mr. Herold tumbled from the ledge.

Was Sixty-nine.

Mr. Herold was sixty-nine years old. He was born in Portsmouth, Va., but came to Washington with his parents when seven years old.

He learned the tailoring trade in the establishment of George C. Bergling, and later opened a place of his own. He had been in business in Ninth street for thirty-five years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Margaret M. Herold, and three children. Parkie Herold, Miss Ella Herold, and Mrs. Mamie Haslam. No arrangements have been made for the funeral.

Baltimore Electric Line Sold at Auction

BALTIMORE, March 20.—The Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis Electric railway was sold today at Annapolis Junction under a decree of foreclosure issued by the United States Court to satisfy the first mortgage for \$3,000,000 and the second mortgage for \$1,000,000.

George A. Craig, of Toledo, Ohio, representing the reorganization company, was the only bidder. He bid was \$2,000,000, and upon its acceptance he deposited a certified check for \$100,000.

The balance of the purchase money will be paid over as soon as the sale is ratified by the court, and soon thereafter application will be made for the discharge of the receivership, which has been ordered by the court.

The receivers are George T. Bishop, who was president of the company prior to its reorganization, and George A. Williams, and under their care the physical condition of the property has been greatly improved.

Street Organs Vehicles, Must Carry Lights

Giuseppe Sartori, an "urban Pan," and his companion, Balderani Giovanni, both know today that whether they pipe their ears on roads or churn them out of a street piano, so long as their instruments are on wheels, they must conform to civilization, which this time took the form of a "rear light" regulation. Each in Police Court today forfeited \$1.

DEMOCRATS GLOAT OVER PRESIDENT'S TARIFF ULTIMATUM ARE FOUND GUILTY

Leaders Promptly Declare They Will Pay No Attention.

IF TAFT PERSISTS DEFEAT SEEMS SURE

Schedules Will Be Taken Up for Revision In Order of Concern to People.

By JUDSON C. WELLIVER.
Democrats are today declaring themselves pleased half to death over the tariff ultimatum which President Taft has put up to them.

The President has allowed it to be known that he doesn't want any tariff schedules revised until it can be done in the light of investigation by the tariff commission.

Also, he wants a new tariff commission. So he proposes:

President's Program.
To insist on Canadian reciprocity passing at once.

On tariff revision waiting till the commission gives a basis.

On vetoing bills passed without the illumination of the commission's reports.

On a new tariff commission bill being passed by the extra session.

On early adjournment after this is accomplished.

On having even the wool schedule wait till December, when the commission is to report.

Democrats are interested, but in no wise convinced. They don't intend to adopt the President's program. They doubt if the President will himself stand by it, when he hears the country's opinion about it. They declare that, if the President does stand by it, it will put an end to all uncertainty about the Presidential election.

And there is Republican confirmation of this view. A Western Republican Congressman said this morning:

"I should say that if the President stands by that program, my State would be likely to elect a solidly Democratic Congressional delegation two years hence. It puts the whole situation in the hands of the Democrats."

Democrats Will Disregard.
Democratic leaders were prompt in declaring that they would pay no attention to the White House plan. They will take up first the wool schedule, then cotton; after that, the others affecting commonly used necessities of life, in the order in which it may be decided they are most important. That order has not been determined as yet.

The last schedule will be the lumber, sugar, and probably some others.

With the President undertaking to veto revision measures that are passed without information from the tariff commission, the Democrats calculate that they can put in the feeling of opposing the revision of about everything in which the country is most interested.

Up that issue they are ready and anxious to go to the country in the next Presidential campaign.

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TWO DEFENDANTS IN CONTEMPT CASE ARE FOUND GUILTY

Pierce Sentenced to Three Months' Imprisonment. Harrison Fined.

JURORS ARE LAUDED BY JUSTICE WRIGHT

Appeal Is Taken Against Prison Sentence—Other a "Technical Offense."

Declaring them guilty of contempt of court in approaching members of the District grand jury regarding the Pickford case, Justice Wright today sentenced William A. Pierce, a lumber dealer at 206 Fourteenth street northwest, to three months' imprisonment, and imposed a fine of \$100 upon William H. Harrison, a commission merchant, at 905 B street northwest.

Pierce immediately filed an appeal to the District Court of Appeals, being released upon \$1,000 bonds. Harrison paid his fine and was discharged.

That Harrison was guilty only technically, but that Pierce deliberately sought to influence the action of the grand jury was declared by Justice Wright in explanation of the severity of Pierce's punishment.

Lauds Jurors.
Action of Jurors C. E. Finch and Leonard Daniel in reporting the conduct of Pierce and Harrison was highly lauded by Justice Wright.

"I think the jurors should receive the profoundest commendation, in exposing an effort to taint the purity of the channels through which justice flows, and for their bravery in telling what they knew," said Justice Wright.

Brief appeals for clemency were made by Harrison and Pierce before their punishment was fixed.

"I have lived in Washington for twenty-two years, and this is the first time I have ever been in court," said Pierce.

"This is the first offense I've ever been accused of," Pierce continued, "and I have tried to live an honest, straightforward life. I have always tried to deal fairly with my fellow man."

Technical Offense.
Harrison said that if he had committed any offense he did it unintentionally. In speaking to Juror Daniel about the Pickford case, and offering every apology to the court.

Justice Wright said, although Harrison's contempt was only technical, it could not be overlooked in the interest of preserving the integrity of the courts, and imposed the \$100 fine.

A scathing arraignment, marked by Wright's sentence of Pierce to three months in jail.

"I have no doubt of the deliberate and express purpose of Pierce to influence this vote of the grand jury in their room," said Justice Wright.

"That is what he went for to Juror Finch," continued Justice Wright, "and he persisted despite the first rebuff or rebuke he received from Finch. He went so far as to dare to go in and liberate and premeditated effort to defeat the law, to put in the mind of the juror a consideration of the law and the law, his duty, and prevent proper operation of the law and progress of justice."

He has deliberately undertaken to deceive counsel and the court as to the motives of Juror Finch, assailing his integrity and honesty without the slightest cause."

Pierce's Case.
Referring to Pierce's plea for mercy because of his previous good record and high standing in the business community, Justice Wright said:

"That is a consideration making administration of the law difficult, a sorrowful and unpleasant duty for one man, a judge, to impose upon another man of standing and affairs a severe penalty. Yet no man, no citizen, no citizen should not interfere with justice."

I have deliberated carefully over the penalty in your case, and must impose severe punishment, believing you deliberately and knowingly approached Finch."

"It would be a very sorry rule," said Justice Wright, "that would permit a corrupter to be able to say that the law was so powerless that it could not reach him if his motives were low enough to enable him to lie about it."

Justice Wright did not impugn the motive of a honorable man, as did Pierce.

"Because of Prejudice."
This morning in his defense Pierce testified that he believed Finch's action was because of prejudice. He said he had refused to sell lumber to Finch, thus causing his enmity, Finch being engaged in business as a millworker at Fourteenth and W streets northwest.

A vigorous plea for conviction of both Harrison and Pierce was made to the court by United States District Attorney Wilson, who was assisted in the prosecution by his assistant, James M. Proctor.

Pierce was defended by Attorney A. S. Worthington, who contended that his client had purged himself of the contempt charge by his testimony.

Attorneys David Rothschild and Frank J. Hogan appeared for Harrison, arguing that their client's delinquency was due to only idle curiosity and not an attempt to influence the grand jury in the Pickford case.

Hundreds of Girls Eager to Wed This Man



COL. EDWARD HOWLAND ROBINSON GREEN, Son of "Richest Woman in America," Who Has Scented Love Letters Enough to Keep Him From Being "Lonesome."

HETTY GREEN'S SON GETS LOVE LETTERS HUNTING LAST OF ESCAPED LUNATICS

Two Hundred Nice Girls Would Keep Him From Being Lonesome.

NEW YORK, March 20.—Col. Edward Howland Robinson Green, formerly of Texas, now of New York, son of Mrs. Hetty Green, called "the richest woman in America," has received about 200 proposals of marriage every month since last fall, when he said he felt a bit lonely and might wed if he could find the right girl—rich or poor.

"There's substantial evidence of the predicament I am in as a result of those foolish words," said Colonel Green, pointing to stacks of letters piled three feet high on a desk in his room in the Waldorf-Astoria. His eyes twinkled, and he smiled whimsically.

Most of Them Scented.
"Notice the perfume!" exclaimed the colonel. "Most of them are scented. There's one from a countess in France, another from a little girl in Iowa; still a third from Constantinople. If I had time to look 'em over I'd turn up a few from Japan, a couple from Russia, one from India, a dozen from Canada, to make no mention of the scores from various parts of the United States."

"No, I've answered none of them," he laughingly replied to a question whether he had found his ideal. "My ideal is business. I'm busy enough managing my mother's estate and my own affairs."

"Cast your eye on this one," he went on, selecting a scented missive. "It'll make an amusing confession for an old duffer after you've looked it over."

Included with the letter was a picture of a statuette of a woman in a picture evening gown. The letter began with an apology for writing and went on:

There was a decided change for the worse today in the condition of six-year-old Kenneth Hay, who was assaulted with a hatchet by his father, Harry E. Hay, a clerk in the Treasury Department, and this afternoon physicians at Garfield Hospital said that all hope for the boy's recovery had been abandoned.

Hay, who cut his own throat and wrist with a razor, is gaining strength daily and probably will get well. He has made several attempts to tear the bandages from his wounds, and last he should make another effort to end his life, a policeman is constantly on guard at the bedside.

Former Secretary of Interior, Richard A. Ballinger, called today at the White House and said good-by to the President. He said he was leaving Washington this afternoon.

Mr. Ballinger is going first to Chicago, and from there is going to Seattle, Wash. He will stop for several days at his ranch, near Seattle, on his way home.

When he finally reaches his home, the former Secretary will take up the practice of law.

Pilot of Duesseldorf Drowned in Zuyder Zee

BERLIN, March 20.—The German balloon Duesseldorf, which left Krefeld yesterday morning, was blown into the Zuyder Zee. The pilot, Paul Kayfer, one of the best known aeronauts in Germany, was drowned and his passenger was rescued in a half drowned condition.

The death of Kayfer was the seventh balloon fatality during the last three months, and has resulted in a general agitation against the sport.

Colonel Green, who is six feet three inches tall, weighs about 250 pounds and has the breeziness of the Southwestern man, was asked if he craved "unselfish love and spiritual interest."

"I'm not thinking of marriage," he said. "You can't get married as you'd go about a matter of business, by conducting negotiations by letter. Marriage just now is about the furthest thing from my mind."

B. R. Coles, Upholsterer, Ph. M. 618. Adv.

THINK CLEVER THIEF HAD DUPLICATE KEY TO PARSONS' HOME

Poll Investigate Disappearance of Jewelry Worth \$1,500.

CONGRESSMAN WAS ABSENT FROM CITY

Chief of Detectives Makes Personal Inspection of the House and Grounds.

Some of the Articles Taken From Parsons' Home

Blue enamel watch, Pearl brooch, Gold drop brooch, Moonstone brooch, Cuff buttons, Gold link buttons and stud, Fraternity pin, Brown cameo ring, Diamond locket, Revolver, Brown leather box.

After a searching investigation of circumstances surrounding the mysterious theft of \$1,500 worth of jewelry from the home of Representative Herbert Parsons, of New York, at 1229 Nineteenth street northwest, the police said this afternoon they were convinced the robbery was the work of a professional crook.

Although the theft was discovered early last evening and the police immediately notified, no report was put on the books at headquarters or the Third precinct station until nearly noon today. Detectives Berman and Cox had been working on the case all night, and this morning Inspector Boardman, Chief of Detectives, visited the house and went over the ground personally.

Suspect Sneak Thief.
The robbery occurred between last Wednesday morning and 6 p. m. yesterday, while Mr. and Mrs. Parsons were out of the city. A number of servants were in the house, however, most of the time. The police think the jewelry was stolen by a clever and accomplished sneak thief, who entered the house by means of a duplicate key.

Arriving at her home last evening, Mrs. Parsons discovered that the lock on one of her bureau drawers had been tampered with. Opening the drawer, she found all of the jewelry she had not taken with her missing.

Mrs. Parsons owns a number of valuable diamonds and the fact that the thief did not obtain these was because she makes it a practice never to leave them in the house when she is out of the city.

Some of Missing Jewelry.
Among the stolen articles were a blue enamel watch set with diamonds, valued at \$500; a pearl brooch, \$300; a gold brooch, \$100; a moonstone brooch, \$50; cuff buttons, set with pearls and sapphires, \$50; set of gold link buttons and studs, \$30; a key-shaped fraternity pin, a brown cameo ring, a diamond locket, a revolver, and a brown leather box, in which some of the jewelry was packed.

The servants told the police that no strangers had been admitted to the house during the absence of the Parsons. The windows and doors were found to be securely fastened, which convinced the police that a duplicate key was used.

Labor Troubles Made Italian Cabinet Quit

ROME, March 20.—Inability to cope with the pending labor strikes throughout Italy is given as the real reason for the resignation of the Luzzato cabinet.

The jubilee celebration of Italian unity begins a week from today, and laborers are preparing to make sweeping demands for wage increases and improvements in conditions.

It is feared that their threats the celebration will be seriously crippled and thousands of merchants ruined.

Persian Fever Patient Reported Better Today

Seif el Din Kahn, the twelve-year-old cousin of Mirza Ali Kuli Kahn, the charge d'affaires of the Persian legation, who is at the Garfield Hospital as a scarlet fever patient is reported improved today.

WHITE HOUSE CALLERS

SENATOR.
REPRESENTATIVE.

Austin, Tenn. Secretary Dickinson Gen. Leonard Wood Secretary Fisher. Admiral Clark. Secretary Nagel. John Hays Ham-Former Secretary mond. Ballinger.